REMARKS:

- Claim 1 (currently amended) has been combined with allowable claim 8. Additionally claim 1 as currently amended recites the door of claim 2 for proper antecedent basis for the features of claim 8. Claim 1 as now presented does not recite the reach through opening of claim 2 since that feature is not necessary as antecedent basis for the allowable features of claim 8. Claim 8 has been cancelled. The dependent claims 2 to 7 and 9 to 12 have been revised with regard to proper antecedent basis to still properly depend from currently amended claim 1. Claim 1 as now presented and dependent claims 2 to 7 and 9 to 12 are now in condition for allowance.
- Claim 13 has been added as a new independent combination claim which positively recites the passenger conveyance as part of the claimed combination. Thus, the Examiner can no longer bracket out of the claim an important feature of the combination as has been done at the top of page 3 of the Office Action of September 19, 2005. A claim must be examined "as a whole". Claim 13 is also patentable for the following reasons.
- Davies does not show the installation in a passenger conveyance. Therefore, Davies discloses a ticket vending machine not installed in any passenger conveyance. Therefore, Davies does not anticipate the combination of positively claimed elements set forth in claim 13. Davies also does not suggest the installation in a passenger conveyance such as an aircraft because prior seat

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allocation would be impossible if anybody could buy a flight ticket while already in the aircraft.

4) Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application, including all present claims 1 to 13 as presented above, are respectfully requested.

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